



August 16, 2004

Dear Interested Party:

The State of Alaska is pleased to announce that an application cycle for the Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program will be held for all CDQ groundfish, halibut, and crab species for 2006-2008. The application period opens October 1, 2004 and ends on November 1, 2004 at 4:30 P.M. This application process is entered into under the authority of federal regulations 50 CFR 679.30 and state regulations 6 AAC 93.

Two new crab species have been added to the CDQ program. The two crab species are Eastern AI (EAI) Golden (Brown) king crab and Adak (Petrel Bank) red king crab.

The following attachment describes the various requirements needed to complete the applications. This packet is very similar to the application distributed during the previous allocation period.

Please be advised that the Community Development Plan (CDP) and the allocation cycle will be in effect for the term 2006-2008, a three-year period.

If your CDQ group does not have a current CDP on file with NMFS, please contact the State to verify if your community is eligible for a Bering Sea/Aleutian Island CDQ allocation under 50 CFR 679.30.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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